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In re Application of
HARDER et al.

Application No.: 10/597,099

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For: IMPLANT FOR RELEASING AN ACTIVE
SUBSTANCE INTO A VESSEL THROUGH WHICH
A BODY MEDIUM FLOWS

DECISION ON

PAPERS

UNDER 37 CFR 1.42

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.42 filed by applicants on 26 April 2007.

BACKGROUND

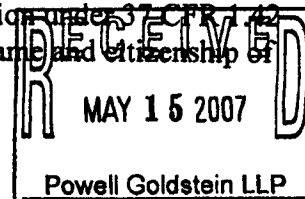
On 04 February 2005, applicants filed international application PCT/EP2005/001167 which claimed a priority date of 06 February 2004 and designated the United States. A copy of the international application was communicated to the United States Patent and Trademark Office from the International Bureau on 18 August 2005. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 07 August 2006 (06 August 2006 being a Sunday).

On 11 July 2006, applicants filed for entry into the national stage in the United States accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee, a substitute specification, a marked-up copy of the substitute specification, and a declaration of inventors. The indication in this declaration that inventor Bernd Hueblen is deceased was treated as a request for status under 37 CFR 1.42.

On 29 November 2006, applicants filed a "PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP OF PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 116 and 37 CFR 1.48(a)", which was properly treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.497(d). The submission was also accompanied by a declaration of inventors. The indication in this declaration that inventor Bernd Hueblen is deceased was also treated as a request for status under 37 CFR 1.42.

On 02 April 2007, a decision was mailed refusing applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.42 because the declaration filed 29 November 2006 did not include the full name and citizenship of

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the deceased inventor. The petition under 37 CFR 1.497(d) was dismissed as moot. The decision also indicated that the declaration filed 29 November 2006 was an improper composite declaration and that an English translation of the international application as filed had not yet been provided.

On 26 April 2007, the instant submission was filed which includes, *inter alia*, a declaration of inventors, an English translation of the international application as filed, and the processing fee under 37 CFR 1.492(i) for providing the translation later than thirty months from the priority date.

DISCUSSION


MPEP § 602.01 states that "the wording of an oath or declaration cannot be amended, altered or changed in any manner after it has been signed." Here, the declaration of inventors filed 26 April 2007 was amended to include the residence, mailing address, and citizenship of deceased inventor Bernd Heublein. Accordingly, the declaration is improper.

CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, the request for status under 37 CFR 1.42 is **REFUSED**.

A proper response must be filed within a time limit of ONE MONTH from the date of this decision or within the time remaining in the response set forth in the decision mailed 02 April 2007, whichever is longer. No extension of this time limit may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136, but the period for response set in the decision mailed 02 April 2007 may be extended under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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